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Regatta of the San Francisco Boat Club

The third annual regatta of this club, came off in the harbor on Sunday (Aug. 31st) last, and was witnessed by an immense concourse of spectators, who from an early hour in the morning filled the wharves and shipping along the water front of the city, and in fact every accessible point of view overlooking the course. The sun shone out bright and beautiful after nine o'clock, and dispelled the vapors that hung over the water like a pall; the atmosphere was clear and transparent, so clear indeed that the eye could reach far seaward and mark in distinct lines against the dim vista of the horizon the numerous white sails that dotted the surface of the bay at the entrance of the golden gate. The wind was blowing fresh from the N. W. and with the exception that it varied a little occasionally from other points of the compass, the day was all that could have been desired by the lovers of aquatic sports. The large shipping in the harbor were dressed in their gayest colors, and the flags of all nations—penants and "burgess" floated and fluttered in the wind from every prominent place in the vicinity, and every imaginable kind of craft, from the shallow little "cockle shell" that danced like a feather upon the water, to the majestic and stately looking clippers were bedecked in their signal colors in honor of the occasion.

In the early part of the day, we noticed several vessels filled with passengers and provided with bands of music, standing over to Angel's Island, where a fine opportunity was afforded to view the start and the progress of the boats down the bay and back again.

The flag boat was stationed off Vallejo Street wharf, some distance in the stream, covered by a building of very description of color, and the stiff breeze prevailing and the strong flood tide which was running at the time, it was found impossible to make fast to her notwithstanding she had a heavy anchor and chain cable out, without dragging fowl of some of the shipping, consequently the judges very wisely concluded to shift their moorings in shore, so as to give all an equal advantage according to classification in the start.

The Pilot boat Daniel Webster, Captain Abbott was to act as the outer stake boat off Fort Point, distant five miles, as soon as the preparatory signal was made for the boats to be in readiness, she let loose her sails and stood down the bay, with a number of invited guests on board and dropped her anchor off the Fort about midway in the channel.

ENTRIES.

The following boats were entered in the race: first class from 25 to 26 feet in length; second class from 20 to 23 feet, and third class all under 20 feet, viz.

NAMES OF BOATS.	BY WHOM ENTERED.	CLASS.	FEET IN.
James Buchanan	W. McDonald	24	21
Star of the South	H. Ratcliff	23	8
Com. Allen	E. Elliston	20	10
Lady Clinton	H. Brown	20	6
Mischief	C. Blake	21	5
Jerry Bryant	W. H. Barr	21	4
Flying Cloud	J. Blood	22	4
Frank Flint	W. Kenedy	22	7
Red Rover	C. S. Ruggles	21	2
Rip Van Winkle	G. Duffy	18	10
Julia Dean Hayne	H. J. Watkins	17	17
Unknown			18

A number of other boats were entered, but were afterwards disqualified. The course extended down to the outer stake boat—rounding it to leeward and sailing back again to the place of starting, off Vallejo street wharf. Whole distance ten miles.

A short time before the hour appointed to get under way the Frank Flint had her mast carried away by a violent gust of wind, and in consequence did not go the race.

THE START.

The boats left the wharf in the following order: Third class, five minutes in advance; Second class, three minutes thereafter; and the boats of the First class, at 12 M. The start was a beautiful one. Away they sped, like a fleet, on the port tack, hauled close on a wind, each one striving to reach the other to windward, their large white sails spread to the breeze, and the water was as a fearful speed. It was a grand, it was a magnificent sight, and elicited the loud huzzas of the multitude who stood on the wharves and shipping cheering lustily their favorite boats. It now became evident that the tide and wind were decidedly in favor of the larger boats, as they could "bear up" under the heavy press of canvas to better advantage than the smaller ones, who were compelled to "shift up" every now and then to save themselves from capsizing. Some danger was anticipated at first, from collisions, as they were all in such close proximity to each other (scattering the spray about in every direction), that it was almost impossible to distinguish one boat from another, but the skillful manner in which the boatmen handled their craft, blowing as it was a half gale of wind at the time, soon dispelled any fears we might have entertained for their safety. Very soon however they became more separated, some making "long tacks," out in the channel and others working their way down nearer "in shore," thus avoiding the full strength of the current, and lying up a point or two in their favor.

THE BEAT OUT.

On the Fleet nearing Melges' wharf it was

discovered that the Scannel, Star of the South, Lady Clinton, and Flying Cloud were gradually hurrying their way to windward some distance ahead of their competitors. The others were hurrying along, doing their utmost to "go in" and win, but the wind, in the classical language of the "ancient mariner," when referring to the "Flying Cloud," was too much ahead for them to succeed. This old "fin-back" was "blowing," however, without taking into consideration that the course was not yet half run. Black point was made in 35m, by the Scannel, and Cloud, both side and on opposite tacks; the Jerry Bryant, James Buchanan, and Commodore Allen, rapidly gaining upon them and the Mischief bringing up the rear of the advanced squadron. At this juncture it was impossible for the best oracle in yachting, to name the winner, so closely was the race contested. But where is the Allen? was asked on all sides, as that gallant little craft for a moment was lost to view. There she jumped, said an old salt, pointing far to leeward, and sure enough, there she was, but she had sprung her main boom, completely shutting out her prospects in the race, and shaking in the wind like a flag in a fit of sea-sickness. Several boats were floating about bottom upwards, and three or four were water-logged in close antagonism, but as they were not in the regatta but little attention was paid to them, when it was known that all hands had been rescued by some of the sailing vessels that filled the harbor. After passing to the westward of Black point, it was noticed that the heavy sea running in from the "heads," began to materially impede the boats' progress and cause their ships considerable water. The boatsmen were obliged to work at boiling and managed to keep themselves afloat until after rounding the outer stake boat, after which no danger was apprehended. The rear squadron comprising the Unknown, Julia Dean Hayne, Red Rover, and others began to haul their bows around the stake boat, as soon as they found out that the advanced squadron had already done so, passing to leeward in the following order.

	H. M. S.
David Scannel	21
Star of the South	22
Lady Clinton	25
Jerry Bryant	25
James Buchanan	25
Rip Van Winkle	26
Flying Cloud	26
Mischief	26
Commodore Allen	26
Julia Dean Hayne	26
Red Rover	26
Unknown	26

The course back, if anything, was more exciting than the "beat" down. With the wind still "piping" from the N. W.—after rounding the stake boat, the contestants threw overboard their ballast, and started on the home stretch directly before the Scannel and the Star of the South, closely followed by the Star of the South, Lady Clinton, Jerry Bryant and James Buchanan, the others speeding along behind with an alacrity that reminded one strongly of the legend entitled "a ride in a hurricane."

On they came in pretty much the same order, they rounded the pilot-boat, pitching, wallowing and scrambling first on the top of a swell, and then in the "trough" of the sea, without ceasing to hum through the water, and surrounded with glistening, frothy foam, as if old Neptune was in a fury and anxious to overtake them before they got safely to their journey's end. As they passed Melges' wharf the crowd cheered them on; the Scannel ahead, and the Star of the South about two lengths behind gaining rapidly upon her. This position they maintained for a few seconds, when the Star made an eclipse and shot ahead of her adversary, with her mast bending beneath the immense spread of canvas she carried, and almost leaping past the flag-boat, in 1:54—running the entire distance back in 34 minutes, followed by the

	H. M. S.
Jerry Bryant	1:55
David Scannel	1:59
Lady Clinton	2:00
James Buchanan	2:00
Rip Van Winkle	2:01
Mischief	2:02
Flying Cloud	2:03
Commodore Allen	2:03
Julia Dean Hayne	2:03
Red Rover	2:03
Unknown	2:03

The prizes awarded on the occasion were as follows:

First Prize.—A purse of fifty dollars and a new suit of sails, to the Star of the South, presented by Commodore Allen and Captain Ruggles.

Second Prize.—Fifty dollars to the David Scannel.

Third Prize.—Forty dollars, to the Jerry Bryant.

Fourth Prize.—To save entrance, to the Lady Clinton.

Several very heavy boats were lost on the result, and no little surprise was manifested by our "aquatic sports" that the "Star of the South" possessed such excellent sailing qualities, and should come in the winner of the first prize when they had predicted she would be distanced.

The superior skill and judgment, displayed by the boatmen on this occasion, in sailing their craft in a stiff breeze, with all their canvas spread, won the admiration of all who witnessed the race.

No accident occurred beyond the few we have already chronicled, and those were only occasioned by unforeseen circumstances such as capsizing, carrying away a spar or two, or becoming "water-logged." Taking it altogether it was one of the most beautiful and successful regattas on record. The arrangements were most complete, and the management of this beautiful and invigorating sport and pastime upon the shores of the Pacific.

FIRE BELL.—The edition of the Manchester, N. H. Weekly Mirror, under date of August 2d, says: "This morning we have not heard a decent alarm of fire from the City Hall bell for a long time. The ringing sounds all alike, for church, school, charity meetings and fires. The trouble seems to be that there is not a bell in the city of the rope. A strong, double-twisted, full-bodied bell-rope, would make the alarm unmistakable from 'Slater to Slater' and from the Registrar to the Cemetery, to speak in language in consonance with that used by young stump speakers. We are willing to bleed a little to have such a man hold of that rope for the next year."

The French Stage.

The decline of the drama in France, since the Revolution, has necessarily drawn after it the degradation of the stage, for how can the powers of the mighty actor be exhibited in delineating a succession of murders and adulteries, of incests and poisonings, of hair-breadth escapes and atrocious deeds, such as form the staple of the modern or romantic drama in France? The great performers, whether male or female, have been confined, as a matter of necessity, to the legitimate drama. But although it with difficulty maintained its ground against the surging waves of the romantic school, yet it was not without a violent struggle it was overcome; and perhaps the brightest historic page of France since the fall of that noble art. At the very head of them all must place Talma, a performer so great, so noble, so majestic, so powerful, so full of the life that he has acquired a European reputation, and is worthy to be placed beside John Kemble and Mrs. Siddons, whose genius threw an expiring lustre over the English stage. He had not their great physical advantages; he had neither the Roman profile of the former nor the majestic beauty of the latter; his figure was short and thick; his countenance was unexpressive; his voice, when raised high, degenerated into a scream. But all these disadvantages were more than compensated by the energy of his mind, and his wonderful power in the representation of passion; he acted with magical effect because he felt strongly, and was thoroughly in earnest—the best, perhaps the only security for success, whether in literature or art, nothing could exceed the thrill of horror which ran through the audience in his representation of the more impassioned scenes. Those who have experienced a similar sensation from the performances of Mlle. Rachel can alone form a conception of his acting. He seemed to be that he vehemently gestulated began too early, and went on too long; the demands on the vehement sympathies of the audience were too incessant. That peculiarity, however, which is the French school of acting, and arises, partly from the animated manners of the people, and partly from the experienced necessity of supplying by the intensity of the representation, for the meagre language and stately voice.

Contemporary with Talma, and like him, one of the last stars of the dramatic art in France, was Mademoiselle Georges. She was gifted with far greater natural advantages. Dark hair, a splendid bust, and commanding countenance, a fine figure, and a voice of sweet melody, and, therefore, so important an element in general and lasting success. Her mental qualities were on a level with her physical advantages, and rendered her, during nearly twenty years, the most admired actress of the French theatre. She was not so vehement in her representation as either Talma or Rachel, but she, perhaps, on that account only, the more pleasing; the mind was less worn out, the onset, with violent emotions, and, therefore, the French school of acting, and arises, partly from the animated manners of the people, and partly from the experienced necessity of supplying by the intensity of the representation, for the meagre language and stately voice.

The investigations into the origin of fires have not only acted as a preventive, but thus far produced a remarkable change in their locality. The first year of our examinations, fire occurred in the second year, 21, showing a decrease of forty-three. In this description of property the heaviest losses invariably occur.

The New York Fire Department consists of 56 engine companies, 14 hook and ladder companies, and 4 hydrant companies. The city is divided into eight fire districts, and these companies are divided among them, such members being divided to each as its liability to the ravages of fire seem to demand. Each company does duty in two districts, as directed by the Chief Engineer, and may not take its apparatus out of the district except on permission, or when a general alarm is sounded. Each first class engine is entitled to sixty men, second class fifty men, and third class forty men. Each hook and ladder company forty men, and a hydrant company ten men.

The Fire Department of New York has at its head Alfred E. Baker, Chief Engineer. He has also in each ward an Assistant Engineer, fire companies, engines, hose, hooks, ladders, and engine houses. The Department contains 48 engine companies, 6 hook and ladder companies, 4 hydrant companies, 50,000 feet of hose, and about 3,000 men.

LONDON STREETS IN SHAKESPEARE'S TIME.—The Elizabethan streets were always filled by itinerant salesmen, many of whose trades have since passed away; charcoal sellers, the country butchers, and the open stalls of "hot peas, and Irish apple-mongers. The open stalls were piled with rapiers and targets, and Italian armor and poignards, and silk and stuffs, and feathers, roses for shoes, scarves, and a thousand other articles of finery now here and there with wrong dates attached to them in the warehouses of old show mansions. The paths were filled by jostling serving-men, French grooms, and wounded soldiers from the Dutch wars, Spanish gallants, Greek merchants; and here and there an astrologer or an alchemist come out for a moment to breathe a purer air than the poisonous atmosphere of his cellar or his turret, and peered with fuming mystery. There were actors, and bear warders, masters of fence, bullies, and gentlemen pensioners, and gay citizen's wives, and bona robas and falconers all bright, colored, shifting, motley, and picturesque. There was no dull monotony and stolidity of dress, face, and manner; but a never ending variety shifting and brilliant as the dyes of a kaleidoscope. There were beads of all classes and professions—the spruce, the pointed, the round, gray, black, and cream colored. All dress marked class: the pretence passes with his round cap and truncheon; the citizen with his trimmed gown and gold chain; the noble with his silk cloak, and scented doublet, gold spurs, and spangled feather; the needy adventurer with his rusty sword, and greasy buff, or half Indian robe; the scrivener with his rusty black coat and unfailing bag; the divine with his cassock and bands; the yeoman with his unbarbed staff; and the court lady rolling by in her ponderous gilded coach.

CINCINNATI.—The steam fire department of Cincinnati has just made its third annual report. The entire expense during the past year was \$74,639.18. There are in the service of the department 431 men and 47 horses. In speaking of the steam fire engines, Mr. Clements says, there has been added to the three steam engines, four smaller ones, working a single pump, with a capacity of throwing 71,424 gallons per hour upon a fire; these in combination with three double cylinder and double pump engines, have a capacity of throwing 178,560 gallons of water per hour. These steam engines, the engineer says, furnish a more reliable and fourteen hand companies, with their twenty-eight engines, whose greatest capacity when worked up to the fullest power, was 121,212 gallons per hour.

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Fire Marshal.

From the last report of Alfred E. Baker, Fire Marshal of the City of New York, we learn the following:

The Fire Marshal of New York, whose duty it is to ascertain the causes of fires in that city, has made his report for the six months ending July 31st, to the Common Council of that city. He makes a large number of suggestions in relation to the construction of buildings, &c. The first year of his appointment, fires occurred in 134 stores, and in the second year 91, showing a decrease of 43. He thinks camphene or burning fluid as dangerous as powder, and suggests that a law should be made in reference to its sale. In the first year of his appointment, 353 fires occurred in New York; and in the second year 331. The number of fires has been remarkable the last six months 11; and eight persons have been arrested on suspicion. Between the 30th of November, 1855, and the 1st of June, 1856, there were 156 fires, with a loss of property amounting to \$622,924.

Mr. Baker says, "Often times when fires are extinguished before they can make much progress, there is such palpable evidence of incendiaryism that experienced firemen involuntarily exclaim, 'this place must be well insured'—which is almost invariably the case. On this subject, Mr. Baker well remarks:

The comparative table annexed exhibits a very satisfactory decrease in acts of incendiaryism. The decline of this class of fires, since the commencement of my investigations into their origin, which now embraces a period of two years. The first six months show 94 incendiary fires; the second six months, 65; the third six months, 52; and the last six months, 48. Eight arrests have been made during the last six months on charges of arson, and suspicion of arson; two have been convicted, and the others liberated for want of sufficient evidence. The past six months ending the 31st of May, have been remarkable for any disastrous fires, nor has it been noted for the destruction of much property. The table shows the heaviest losses have occurred in manufacturing establishments, machine shops, and saw mills. We may conjecture, on our own, except from extensive confagurations in the mercantile portion of the metropolis, while the neighboring cities have been afflicted with calamitous and extensive conflagrations.

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ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.—Some fifteen years ago, says one of our English exchanges, two young people of equal rank and fortune entered society in Paris, and as their families were on visiting terms, they were thrown frequently together. They fell in love, and the young man's father asked the hand of the young lady. It was refused—her family had in view another destination for her. The young man's family were made very angry at this refusal, and interrupted all relations with the other family, and married him to an heiress. The young lady refused to marry, and lived in a great deal of seclusion. Her father and mother died some years ago. The young man was not fortunate in marriage; for a few years after this union, his wife fell violently in "love" with a strolling "artist" (I believe he was a painter), and he followed her to the end of the earth, and her friends engaged her to marry, that she might have a "home," for these ridiculous resolutions are always bolstered with some plausible word, and she was dressed and on the eve of going to church, when a telegraphic dispatch was placed in her hands. It ran—"I am free. If I am in time, don't marry yet." It was from her old lover. He had heard that his first sweetheart was going to be married, and he had quitted Paris, that he might not meet her and her husband. He was in London when he received a dispatch announcing the sudden death of his wife, and the moment he saw the telegraphic message, he was ready to send the dispatch you have read. His old sweetheart had scarcely perused it, when her affianced lover was announced. She gave him the dispatch. As a man of honor and sense, he engaged her to break his marriage and console her heart, and last week St. Thomas de Aquinas saw fidelity rewarded.

THE STEAM ENGINE.—The Boston Dispatch, of August 2d, says of the "Miles Greenwood."

No doubt but what our readers are aware that there is a steam fire engine in our city, and that it is a "Miles Greenwood." Of this machine we propose to say a few words. 'Tis well known that it has been lying about the city for over two years, and has made its appearance at only three fires. By the combined efforts of some persons this machine has been lying idle; and until within a short time, a company has been formed, and notice was given out that she was ready to attend fires; consequently many of our citizens were sure that no disastrous fire could occur, because the immortal "steam squirt" was ready for service.

On Tuesday afternoon, a fire broke in the Jefferson Block, North street, and raged with intensity for two hours and a-half. This was just the time for the "immortal" to throw itself; but where was she? About 5 o'clock, after the fire had burnt two hours, and spent its fury, the "steam squirt" arrived, and by 5:12 o'clock, she was playing on her heels. What material good did she do at that time? She merely quenched the embers, but could not see the vast amount of good done, which was mentioned in the papers the next morning.

MANCHESTER.—The Stars and Stripes thus concludes an article complimentary to the firemen of Manchester, N. H.

Two often is the fireman, in his rough and soiled toggery, "always ready" for the alarm, he is at the hour of midnight or the noonday's blazing sun, made a subject of jest and sneering remark. But when duty calls, quick as thought he is at his post—he secures the ladder, or in some other manner battles with the fiery element—rescuing from the burning flames that which is dearer than life itself—a child of innocence, perhaps treasures, the result of years of labor and toil, and bears it safely to a loving mother, or some hard-working, time-battling mortal, who feeds and worships at the shrine of mammon. The fireman knows not favor—he braves danger at all hours. Duty prompts to action, and a good conscience is his reward.

EXTRAORDINARY GROWTH.—Though the present drought is considered very injurious to agricultural interests, it seems by recent reports that it operates favorably on engine builders; a stream thrown from an engine nozzle grew in one day the extraordinary length of five feet. Attributable to the genial and productive soil.

We clip the above from a paper published in a western city. Though we have no knowledge of what it refers to, we infer that there are as great "blowers" among our western firemen as are some of those of New York.

The above is from the New York Mercury, and might be made applicable elsewhere.

GRENOBLE HOSE.—The New York Mercury says: On the 8th of July, the resolution of the Board of Councilmen, to order a supply of Grenoble Hose for the use of the Fire Department of this city, was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen. This hose which is coming into general use throughout the Union, possesses many sterling advantages to commend it to the approbation of our community. Being made of Grenoble hemp, it is lighter, more pliable, and capable of standing a greater pressure, than any other kind of hose; it is likewise famous for its cheapness, and has proved to be very durable. We take pleasure in recommending the Grenoble hose to all parties, who are in need of a good and cheap article of hose, for steamboats, manufactories, mills, garden and household use.

ORIGIN OF FIRES.—The investigations of the New York Fire Marshal into the fires which occur in the city, discloses the following curious facts. In one case fire was caused by the upsetting of a bottle of Harlem oil on a red paste composition used for destroying vermin. In another case, a man put a pipe in the pocket of his coat, without putting it out, and hung the coat in a room. The coat took fire, and set the room in a blaze. In another, a young lady placed a lighted lamp on a washstand which stood behind the door. Her dresses hung on the door, and as it swung back they caught fire, and was destroyed with other property.

BOSTON.—A large fire occurred in North Street Boston on 30th July. Loss, \$75,000. During the fire a chimney fell, killing Charles Warren, a member of Franklin Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

WINSTON FIREMEN.—The Lebanon Whig learns that the members of the Assenbury Engine Company, No. 2, of Winston, Vt., are making preparations for a grand firemen's muster to come off in that town some time during the coming fall. Success attend their efforts.

Wit and Sentiment.

The reason there is so frequently a "screw loose somewhere," is because the "screws" are generally put to individuals of loose habits.

Scolding never did any body good. It hurts the child; it hurts the parents; it is evil, and only evil, everywhere and always.

Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind, and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

Van Amburgh & Co's canvass was nearly destroyed in Meadville. Some of the boys voted the canvasser a lumbag, and sprinkled the canvass with vitriol that caused it to fall to pieces.

A DOCTOR APPROPRIATE.—The death of Pope Adrian, occasioned such joy at Rome, that the night after his decease they adorned the door of his chief physician's house with garlands, adding this inscription—"To the deliverer of his country."

WELL NAMED.—A pair of twin boys, born on June 7th, in La Salle County, Indiana, have been named "Fremont" and "Dayton." Boys are not named after "old Buck."

And for a good reason. Not a Doe has ever been willing to take the name of old "Buck."

"Come here sonny, and tell me what the four seasons are!"

Young Prodigy—"Pepper, mustard, salt, and vinegar; though what mammy always seasons with."

A man in Chicago not long since committed suicide by drowning. As the body could not be found the coroner held an inquest on his hat and jacket, found on the bank of the lake. Verdict, "found empty."

"S" quickly sometimes has the wheel turned round, that many a man has lived to enjoy the benefit of that charity which his own piety had projected.

It is virtue which should determine us in the choice of our friends; so it is that alone which we should regard in them; without inquiring into their good or ill fortune.

For people to make invitations to their houses and table, or offers of their fortune and services, is nothing. To be as good as their word is all the expense and difficulty.

An Arabian having brought a blush to a young maiden's cheek by the earnestness of his gaze, said to her, "You look like a planted rose in your cheeks, why forbid me to gather them? The law permits him who sows to reap the harvest."

PORTLAND.—The Portland (Oregon) Democratic Standard, of August 14th, says:

By the last steamer, this city received their new Fire Engine. It was manufactured by James Smith, of New York, and is a fine acquisition to the fire apparatus of this city. The Willamette Engine Company have taken it into their possession. It has been well preserved from breakage and rust in its transmission from New York.

Parties who witnessed a trial of it in New York, have written that it equals the best Engine in that city of the same size. May it prove a great protection to the property in Portland, from the destroying element, and in the hands of the Willamette Boys, who can doubt its efficiency?

We learn that Capt. Dall, of the Columbia brought it up from San Francisco free of charge. A generous prompting of his towards the fire department of this city.

PROVIDENCE R. 1.—The Providence Fire Department is now represented to be in a highly flourishing condition. It numbers 11 engines, and 436 members, and has in use 10,900 feet of leading hose. The facilities for obtaining water in the city are good, there being 47 reservoirs, 25 hydrants and 6 wells, besides the plants that it operates. The number of fires in the city during the last year were 49, and the number of alarms 62. The total loss by fire during the same period, was \$54,500; insurance \$29,215. The cost of the department during the year ending 1st July, was \$44,550; the members pay, was \$44,550. The department is on the paid principle and works well.

ALBANY.—The Boston Dispatch of July 19 says: J. C. Cuyler, Esq., editor of the Albany Transcript, is foreman of the Tivoli Hose, one of the crack companies of the Albany fire department. We wonder if we could find an editor in these parts, who condescend to do fire duty.

PARADE.—The annual parade of the Boston Fire Department, was to have taken place on the 29th of August. The Common Council appropriated \$1,500 to defray the expenses of the same. No part of the amount to be paid for refreshments, but whatever amount is expended will be for the purchase of medals, to be awarded as the committee of arrangements see fit.

ROXBURY.—The whole number of alarms and fires in Roxbury Mass., during the month of July, was eight; six fires and two false alarms. Property destroyed \$8,325. Insurance \$5900.

CHARLESTOWN.—During the month of July there were twenty alarms of fire in Charlestown Mass.; eighteen fires and two false alarms. Property destroyed \$3,200.

TROY.—A fire which occurred in West Troy on the 2d August, destroyed property to the amount of \$72,000.

TORONTO.—A large fire involving a loss of \$80,000, occurred at Toronto on the 28th July.

PITTSFIELD.—A grand muster of firemen of all New England and New York, was to have taken place in Pittsfield Mass., last month.

AMSTERDAM.—In Amsterdam, New York on July 21st, \$50,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire.

Hudson.—Mr. John Aldrich has been elected Chief Engineer of the Hudson, New York Fire Department.

PRESTONSTON.—The members of Hose Company No. 2 of New York have presented Engineer James F. Wenzman with a magnificent silver trumpet.

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The Fire Department.

Since the last meeting of the Board of Delegates, there have been issued 254 certificates of membership into the Fire Department, as follows:

Empire Engine Co. No. 1	"	21	Certificates
Manhattan	"	2	"
Howard	"	3	"
California	"	4	"
Knickerbocker	"	5	"
Monumental	"	6	"
Volunteer	"	7	"
Pacific	"	8	"
Vigilant	"	9	"
Crescent	"	10	"
Columbian	"	11	"
Young America	"	12	"
Tiger	"	13	"
St. Francis H & L	"	14	"
Lafayette	"	15	"
Sansome	"	16	"
Total		254	

The entire force of the Fire Department at the present time consists of one thousand and twenty six members, all of whom are entitled to vote at the next election for officers of the Department on the 1st December next. The men in the Department are distributed as follows:

Empire Engine Co. No. 1	"	62	Members.
Manhattan	"	2	"
Howard	"	3	"
California	"	4	"
Knickerbocker	"	5	"
Monumental	"	6	"
Volunteer	"	7	"
Pacific	"	8	"
Vigilant	"	9	"
Crescent	"	10	"
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Pennsylvania	"	12	"
Young America	"	13	"
Tiger	"	14	"
St. Francis H & L	"	15	"
Lafayette	"	16	"
Sansome	"	17	"
Total		1026	

From the above it will be seen that the average for each company is 60½. Last year the number of those entitled to vote was 940; between the time of closing the rolls and the election, there were 21 changes in the Register of the Department, leaving 919 votes, but 822 of which were polled as follows:

No. 1	39	votes.	Not voting 9.	Entitled to vote 48
" 2	46	"	" 10	" 56
" 3	61	"	" 6	" 67
" 4	59	"	" 2	" 61
" 5	63	"	" 3	" 66
" 6	61	"	" 3	" 64
" 7	60	"	" 2	" 62
" 8	36	"	" 9	" 45
" 9	68	"	" 3	" 71
" 10	54	"	" 5	" 59
" 11	53	"	" 8	" 61
" 12	49	"	" 8	" 57
" 13	63	"	" 10	" 73

Hook and Ladder Companies.

No. 1	43	votes	Not voting 11.	Entitled to vote 54
" 2	41	"	" 3	" 44
" 3	41	"	" 8	" 49
Total	822	"	" 97.	919.

From the above statement it will be seen that there is an increase of eighty six members, attached to the Department. Since the last election, Tiger Company has been admitted into the Department with 65 members, leaving to be distributed amongst the other companies 21 men. At the election in 1854, there were 861 votes polled, a larger number than will probably be polled again for some time. Averaging fifty votes to each company, which was the average of last year, the number of votes polled at the next election will be about 850; and, if but two candidates are running for the Chief Engineer'ship, it will require 425 votes to elect. Last year the vote stood for:

James K. Nuttman	416.
Franklin R. Whitney	394.

Nuttman's majority.....22.

The vote for Assistant last year stood as follows:

William Free of Crescent No. 1	454
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Joseph Cappione Monumental	348
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Alexander Devoe Columbian	201
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William Y. Douglas Empire	229
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Mathew McIntire Manhattan	218
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John M. Haskell Volunteer	175
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Cornelius Walsh Pacific	162
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G. A. Worn St. Francis H & L	147
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Frank Wheeler Pennsylvania	131
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R. K. Dodge Sansome H & L	42
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The above statement is prepared for the education of our readers and the particular personal of Candidates.

NOMINATION.—G. W. Brady has been nominated for Assistant Engineer at the next election, by Manhattan Engine Company No. 2.

CANDIDATE No. 10.—The report upon the house of Crescent No. 10, are being rapidly pushed forward, under the superintendence of the Chief and the contractor Mr. Perry; they will be entirely completed in about two weeks.

California 4.
The annual election for officers of this company, under the requirements of the new Constitution lately adopted for its guidance, took place on Monday evening last, with the following result:

President, P. WARREN VAN WINKLE, Foreman, WILLIAM S. O'BRIEN, 2d Assistant Foreman, JOHN O'BRIEN, 3d Assistant Foreman, JAMES G. SCHULTZ, Secretary, ADAM T. GREEN, Treasurer, JOSEPH T. MIDDLEBUSH, Treasurer, ELISHA B. TOWNS.

We understand that the meeting at which the above officers were elected, was the largest that has been held by No. 4 for a long time, and the unanimity with which they were selected, gives great token of prosperity, and speaks volumes in favor of the internal management of the company. We trust our individual pride may be pardoned when we say that as a working company, California 4, second to none in the Department, and we also believe that she has not a single enemy in the organization. Her reputation, for obedience to the powers that be, and a desire to perpetuate the good name and fame of the association, of which she is a component part, is of the brightest character. Her motto is "peace and good will toward all men, doing unto others, as she would have them do unto her."

Immediately after the business of the meeting had been gotten through with, Mr. Van Winkle, the President of the Company, presented Mr. Wm. S. O'Brien, the Foreman, with a massive and elegant silver trumpet, as a token of esteem from the members of the company. In making the presentation, Mr. Van Winkle said:

"Mr. O'Brien—under other circumstances, I should have been most happy at being chosen the medium to present this beautiful trumpet to you, from your sincere friends and fellow firemen; but I am taken entirely by surprise at this, as I have been by the undesired honor which this company has conferred upon me this evening, and feel that the duty could have been placed upon other members, who could more eloquently and satisfactorily performed it. This Sir, is intended by your fellows, as a small, insignificant, but sincere testimonial to you of their appreciation of you as a gentleman, and their acknowledgment of the faithful manner in which you have fulfilled the duties incumbent upon you as the foreman of this company, and to sum up in a word, to convey to you your entire satisfaction at the manner in which you have performed your many and arduous duties, in those pregnant words, 'Well done good and faithful servant.' As an additional mark of their regard, and the confidence that is reposed in you, they have again chosen you to fill the responsible position of Foreman of this Company for the ensuing year. I but express the sentiments of this company, in saying that your conduct as such will be marked by the same dignity, perseverance and fidelity, that have so eminently marked your first career as such. To conclude my dear Sir, I have again to refer to this beautiful gift, and in handing it to you, beg your acceptance, as an assurance of our esteem and the wish that your future life may be as pure and bright and free from blemish.

Upon receiving the trumpet from Mr. Van Winkle, Mr. O'Brien replied that he was so taken by surprise, he was unable properly to respond to the remarks of Mr. Van Winkle. He assumed the responsibilities of the Foremanship of No. 4, at a time when they were very embarrassing, but the unanimity with which he had been re-elected Foreman, and the beautiful present just handed him, on behalf of the Company, convinced him that he had not been derelict in his duty. He hoped always to meet their good opinion, and pledged himself that nothing should be wanting on his part to render the prosperity of No. 4 complete. The company was more prosperous now than it had been for years, was on a peaceable footing with the whole Department, and he desired it to remain so.

Upon the conclusion of the above, the officers of the company and the entire Department received hearty cheers from those present.

No. 4 will parade with full ranks on Tuesday next.

Fires and Alarms for the week.

Sept. 1st.—10 P. M.—Alarm from Monumental bell. Fire in Chinese tenement in the vicinity of Sacramento and Kearny streets. Engine Companies 1, 6, 10, and 12 in service. The former got water on the fire. Damage trifling. Portion of the Department out.

Sept. 2d.—4 P. M.—Alarm from Hall bell—Seventh District, on the line with the Eighth. Large frame building, on the corner of Third street and Jessie, formerly known as the "Belvidere," lately occupied as a soda factory below, and by families above. The fire, which was the act of an incendiary, originated in an occupied room in the second story, on Jessie street, and spread with great rapidity, the wind at the time being very fresh. The Department was upon the ground with their usual alacrity, but labored under annoying disadvantages, on account of the scarcity of water. The Chief and Assistant Engineers acted with great promptitude, and formed lines from the nearest cisterns. "Monumental 6" drafted water from the cistern at the corner of Kearny and Post streets, supplying "Pennsylvania 12," which played a steady and splendid stream upon the fire. "Crescent 10" drafted from the same cistern as No. 6, and supplied "Pacific 8," which supplied "Vigilant No. 9," the latter giving water to "Volunteer No. 7"—that company having a first-rate stream on the fire. "California 4" drafted water from the cistern at the corner of Mission and Anthony streets, giving it to "Columbian No. 11," the latter passing it rapidly on to "Knickerbocker No. 5," that company supplying "Empire No. 1"—Manhattan No. 2, taking the water and playing on the fire, doing excellent service. From the place where California 4 drafted to where Manhattan 2 put the water on the fire, the distance was 1,800 feet. Tiger Engine, Company No. 14 was the first on the ground; backed up to the tanks of the brewery of Lyon & Co., on Jessie street, and received a constant supply of water from that source. The members of the above firm worked zealously to keep up steam in the engine of their works, and also liberally supplied the Department with refreshments. The Tigers have reason to be proud of their services on Wednesday, for it was mainly through their promptness and energy that the fire was checked as soon as it was. Howard 3 got the second water on the fire, drafting from a well situated in a yard directly in front of the fire, which they reached by knocking down three or four fences; the supply soon gave out, however. The Hook and Ladder Companies worked well; it was a time when their services were greatly needed.

The loss will amount to about one thousand five hundred dollars.

Sept. 5th.—24 P. M.—Hall Bell alarm—Fifth District—Room in a row of frame building known as Bay State Row, on Sansome near Bush street. Damage trifling. Entire Department out. Volunteer 7 first water, Howard 3 second.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The Regular Meeting of the Board is announced for Wednesday evening next. There should be a full attendance, as there is considerable business of importance to attend to.

VOTES.—On Saturday next we shall publish the names of all those entitled to vote at the next election for officers of the Fire Department.

Pioneers Celebration.

The celebration of the Anniversary of the Pioneer Association, and the admission of California into the Union, will be attended with much more brilliancy than has hitherto characterized it. Delegations from nearly every society in our midst will participate. The military escort will be performed by the Independent City Guard, Capt. John A. Clark. Major General Wool and Staff, together with those Regulars who have been fighting the Indians at the North, under command of Captain Ord, will also take part. The Fire Department will send a large representation—at least four hundred men. Engine companies 1, 4, and 6—Empire, California, and Monumental, will parade with their apparatus, full ranks, and bands of music. Col. Francis J. Lippitt has been appointed Grand Marshal, who has selected for his aids the following gentlemen. Alexander G. Abell, Capt. Thomas D. Johns, Lieut. Gibson, U. S. Army, J. C. L. Wardworth, George Pen Johnston, and Theodore Payne. The oration will be delivered at the Metropolitan Theatre by Dr. Henry M. Gray, and the poem by its author, Edward Pollock. The interest manifested in the celebration of the Pioneers, is very great, and the display on Tuesday next doubtless will be very fine. The resolutions of the Pioneers, passed at their meeting on Tuesday evening, inviting all creeds and nations to unite with them, must, as a matter of course, have a happy effect. The admission of California, should be cause for rejoicing upon each returning anniversary.

THE STUDENT'S PAPER.—The Evening Star is the appropriate name of a Journal to be conducted by three young gentlemen, elected from those composing the night school. The paper for the present is to be in manuscript, but we are of the opinion that with a little energy they might be substituted immediately. It is an undertaking worthy of success, and one which we shall delight in seeing prosper, and therefore we suggest that every Newspaper and Job office in town, contribute sufficient in types and furniture, to establish the new paper in such a position that it will become a fixed "Star." We stand ready when called upon to contribute our quota. The editor in chief of the "Star," we know well, he is a young man of fine abilities, and will add dignity to his new profession. The associate editors we have not the pleasure of knowing, but we doubt not, they are fully competent to fulfill the duty imposed upon them. Success to you boys.

SEVENTH WARD.—That the citizens of the Seventh Ward must be awakened to a sense of the danger they are placed in, from fire, by that which occurred on Wednesday; there can be no doubt, an alley-way of but ten feet in width saved at least, three quarters of that ward, had the flames crossed the alley in question, the property destroyed by fire and by blowing up would have been immense; as it was there was scarcely water enough to quench the fire in the building where it originated. If the tax payers of the Seventh Ward own any taxes, they should keep them back, build cisterns, and present the bills as offsets to the tax collector.

BOARD OF FOREMEN.—The Board of Foremen met on Sunday afternoon last. Chief Engineer Nuttman in the chair. Present—Messrs. Scannel of No. 1, Spear of No. 5, Shaw of No. 7, Neufus of No. 8, Bove of No. 9, Farley of No. 10, Hanna of No. 12, Clapp of No. 14 and Robie of H. & L. No. 1. The object of the meeting having been stated to be the consideration of the invitation of the Pioneers, on motion it was accepted, and the companies allowed to parade according to their own inclination, either by full companies or delegations. After which the Board adjourned.

EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT.—The total expense of the Fire Department for the month of August, reaches the sum of \$427 81, as follows: J. Berry & Co.—Repairing apparatus, \$41 50 Sawyer & Johnson—Oil, 87 81 John Purcell—Oil, 40 00 L. H. Robie—Repairs St. Francis H. & L. 37 50 J. E. Nuttman—"Iron kettle", 20 00 Neufus & Eayres—Repairing hose, 201 00

Total \$427 81

YREKA.—Messrs. J. Berry & Co. have just completed a splendid set of Hooks and Tormentors, for the use of the people of Yreka. A truck for their use went up on Tuesday. Messrs. Berry & Co. have a wide spread reputation throughout the State, for the complete and workmanlike manner in which they fulfill orders entrusted to their care. They have done a great deal of work for the Fire Department of this city, and in the very best manner, and did it too at a time when it was a matter of doubt whether they would ever be paid for it or not. We are glad to chronicle their success, for they are certainly liberal hearted gentlemen.

EUREKA.—At a meeting of Eureka Engine Company No. 4 of Sacramento, held on Monday evening, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year. Foreman W. C. Felch; 1st Assistant Foreman M. Koncher; 2d Assistant Foreman Joseph Moss; Recording Secretary J. Steidemann; Financial Secretary P. J. Nathan; Treasurer H. P. Osborn; Board of Trustees Charles G. Clapp, L. Dietz and J. Welby.

MISTAKEN.—The Globe of Thursday, in speaking of the fire on the day before, says that "No 12's boys bragged that they gave No. 6 plenty of water to do." The paper in question should be aware that such a remark as we have quoted, leads to a great deal of trouble, and is much better not to be made, particularly when we are authorized by the company, to state that no such remarks were made by any of its members.

AQUATIC.—It is said that another grand regatta will shortly take place in the harbor between a number of our crack pilot boats for a purse of \$500, and a magnificent ball supper. The course to be sailed over will extend from a point off the city—proceed outside of the "heads" to the Farallones and after rounding them return to the place of starting. Our harbor is well adapted for this truly national sport, and we are pleased to see that considerable interest is manifested by our "fin backs" to promote it. Success attend them.

CANINE.—The fancy had a dog fight for \$50 a side on Wednesday last at North Beach, and appeared to be exceedingly gratified with the amusement, if such we may call it. The contestants were a young bull terrier pup and a half-grown English house dog. After snapping, snarling, and biting each other for upwards of an hour, the terrier was declared to be the winner, much to the disgust and disappointment of his backers.

DEPARTMENT BANNER.—We hope some effort will be made at the next meeting of the Board of Delegates, to procure a Banner suitable for the Fire Department of this city, the one now in use being entirely unfit for such an organization.

The Turf.

A match for \$2000, has been made by the owner of Rhode Island against the Sacramento colt Jim Barton, in harness, mile heats, best three in five, to come off over the Louisiana Course, Sacramento, on the 23d inst. From what we know of the horses, it will be a well contested race, but we doubt much whether "Jim" has the speed or bottom to eclipse the sorrel. At any rate he will have to strike the "thirties," and go a "bruising gate every heat to win." Considerable interest is taken in the match and as both have hosts of friends, the trial for the palps of distinction, is looked forward to with a great deal of anxiety. Rhode Island appears to be the favorite, and has the call at slight odds.

Union Course.
The pacing race over this course on Tuesday last for a purse of \$100, in harness, best three in five, was won by Peacock in three straight heats in 250, 255, and 258.

Pioneer Course.
The match for New York and Daniel Webster, comes off to-day over the above named track.

Union Course, L. I.
TUESDAY, July 20, 1856.—Match for \$1000, Mile heats. J. D. McLaughlin b. g. Flora Temple (in harness) 9 1 1 J. D. McLaughlin b. g. Flora Temple (in harness) 9 1 1 W. Peacock's m. g. Flora Temple (in harness) 9 1 1 Time, 2:31 1/2—2:32 1/2—2:33 1/2.

Q. RANCH JOCKEY.—The fall meeting over this course, commences on Tuesday, October 7th, and continues five days.

Purses to the amount of \$1700 is offered, for running stock only.

Fashion Course.

L. I., one of the best trots of the season, came off over this course, on Tuesday, July 30th, between Flora Temple and Lanet. The Spirit of the Times says: During the afternoon the odds varied according to the feelings of different groups, from 5 to 2 on Flora to the same on Lanet, but just previous to the start the latter had the call at 100 to 80. Each heat was so nobly contested that the friends of Flora seemed confident to the last. Summary: TUESDAY, July 30th, 1856.—Match for \$2000, Mile heats, best 3 in 5. S. McLaughlin b. g. Lanet (under the saddle) 1 1 1 J. D. McLaughlin b. g. Flora Temple (in harness) 1 1 1 W. Peacock's m. g. Flora Temple (in harness) 1 1 1 Time, 2:29—2:30—2:31. Track heavy.

It may be proper to remark that the friends of Flora, notwithstanding their defeat, were still confident that she would win under Hiram Woodruff's guidance, and offered to renew the contest for from one thousand to twenty-five hundred dollars.

A SINGULAR FEAT OF A HORSE.—The Count Lascorb made a bet a short time ago that he could make his English hunting horse John Bull, trot a distance of one kilometre backwards in six minutes. The feat was undertaken between the Round Point of the Champs Elysees and the Obelisk of the Place Concorde. From the Round Point to the grand entrance of the Exhibition the Count walked his horse, but here he commenced to trot, and from this point to the Obelisk he gradually pushed him faster and faster until he arrived at the end, in five minutes and thirty-seven seconds. The last twenty rods were accomplished at a rate of speed which put to the test the full trotting powers of some of the horses mounted by the witnesses of this singular feat.

Sports on Dits.

PEDESTRIANISM, JAMES KAHNWAY completed the difficult feat of walking without cessation, ninety consecutive hours, at Sacramento on Monday of last week. He did it apparently without much trouble.

A match has been made in Sonoma for \$300 a side, between Alexander Gregory and a George Griswald, to run a mile foot race, the former giving the latter two hundred and fifty yards start. The trial is to come off within a fortnight.

GRIZZLIES.—A number of grizzlies have lately been seen, running "around loose" in the neck of land, lying between the Ocean and the Bay, south of San Francisco. A German was lately killed by one near the boundary between Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Those gentlemen fond of "bar hunting," can now have an opportunity to shoulder their rifles and clear out the neighborhood. A great many have also been found recently in the mountains of the Coast range.

PRESENTATION.—On Saturday last, Madame Lola Montez presented Mr. Stephens with a beautiful silk ensign, for the boat named after her. On the flag were the words, "Lola Montez." The Lola did not, as was anticipated, run in our yacht race, on account of the high state of the wind.

REGATTA.—The great Harlem Regatta, which was announced to come off at Glen Cove, L. I. last month, proved a dead failure, simply because there was no wind. There were nine slopp-ridged yachts at the rendezvous by ten o'clock, but it was no go, except to drift with the tide, and the flotilla could manage well enough. The course marked out was gone over before the breeze began to make a cat's-paw upon the water, and then it came too late, for the hours occupied exceeded the time allowed by the rules of the Club, and the match is to be sailed over again at an early day.

BATTLE BETWEEN A SNAKE AND WEASEL.—A gentleman visiting a spring, lately, in Rochester, heard a slight squealing, and on searching for the cause, saw a black snake and weasel in a sharp contest. When discovered the snake was coiled around the weasel, giving the animal rather a hard squeeze, but finally the weasel slipped through the snake's coil, and then turned and took the "varmint" by the throat and killed it almost instantly. "Pop goes the weasel."

CRICKET.—The recent Return Game of the Home and Home match, between sixteen of the Newark Club of New Jersey, and Eleven of New York, terminated in favor of the latter with 62 runs to spare.

How to Cook Trout.—Take along with you a frying-pan, some salt pork, corn meal, and pepper, and when right hungry just cook your fish on the bank, under the shade of the alders, and with the aid of a little "Oatd" you won't find yourself put back much.

NOVEL RACE.—On Monday, August 26th, G. H. Ramsey bet \$50 that he could travel to a certain bluff on Table Mountain, about a mile distant from Jamestown, over a rough road, in half an hour. He completed the feat in fourteen minutes.

MAJOR A. A. SLOVER.—Among those who left on the steamer yesterday, was Major A. A. Slover, of the house of Slover, Sinton & Co. The Major returns to the Atlantic States on private business of his own, and the house with which he is connected here, and will return in December next. We hope he will return sooner than he expects, as the Major is too good a citizen to be long absent from San Francisco.

CHIEF ENGINEER.—The members of Manhattan Engine Company No. 3 have nominated James E. Nuttman, the present incumbent, as their candidate for Chief Engineer at the next election.

Amusements.

The exodus of a number of our theatrical luminaries lately, has created a void in dramatic circles, not easily filled. Booth, Wheatleigh, Smith, Madden, Mrs. Julia Gould Collins, and a number of others of lesser light, have left to fulfill professional engagements elsewhere, after a rather full and unprofitable career in this country. The inducements held out to them in the Atlantic States for the coming season are much better than they could hope to expect here, for any length of time to come, and in consequence to better themselves, in a pecuniary point of view they will delight in the "sock and buskin" hereafter, in the more settled States of the Union.

We regret to see so many departures among this class, most, if not all of them had become great favorites with the theatre going public, and their place in the public estimation, cannot be well supplied, but then we have only ourselves to blame, for instead of extending any kind of support that would enable us to keep a good legitimate stock company among us, we went into extemporized upon the arrival of any, and every body who had the impudence to call himself a "star," filled the theatre every night he played, and pronounced his acting as deserving of liberal encouragement. After he had done playing and bamboozled the people out of their loose change, the houses became empty, and the men and women to whom he owed all his success, in supporting him in inferior roles, were thrown out of employment, and left to get along the best way they could.

The manager of the Metropolitan has within a short time, produced spectacles, ballet, tragedy, comedy, and farce, in hopes of keeping his theatre open with a stock company. In this he failed, however, and with the exception of a few nights it has been closed during the past month, and we presume will remain so until the advent of another "star," when its doors will again be thrown open, and the same old routine gone over. Theatres are a great institution, and they should be fostered and encouraged in every community of any size, pretending to be advanced in civilization and refinement, like ours. With a judicious manager, who is careful in selecting his pieces, they afford not only the means of rational enjoyment, but are also schools of learning wherein ancient and modern history as portrayed by the writings of Shakespeare, Voltaire, Bulwer, and many other eminent dramatic writers of the past and present day, are produced with all the accessories of costume and scenery, bringing to our view the life like realities of those who have long since passed away, and the times they lived in.

Popular amusements, of any kind whatsoever, are not only a great public benefit, but they also have a tendency to localize people, and make them feel satisfied with their place of residence. Deprive the people of them, and we would soon fill our prisons to repletion.

METROPOLITAN.—Mr. Edwin Booth's farewell benefit on Wednesday night at this theatre, drew together a large and fashionable audience. He appeared for the first time as King Lear, in Shakespeare tragedy of the same name. His acting throughout showed careful and judicious conception of this difficult character and his elocution at times was loudly applauded. After the fall of the curtain, Mr. Booth in answer to the call of the audience, came forward, and in a neat and appropriate speech took his farewell of the California public.

Mr. Booth left on the steamer yesterday, to join the company at the Broadway, N. Y.

On Thursday and last evening, Mr. Rodgers produced his beautiful panoramic views, representing scenes and incidents of the Allies in the Crimea. To-night is announced as the last.

AMERICAN.—This place of amusement has been drawing poor houses for some time past. On Monday night last, a play purporting to be written by a lady of this city, entitled "Lola Montez, or a trip to Australia," was produced, and run for three nights, when it was withdrawn to make way for other novelties. The piece itself had not one redeeming point in it, and was such a re-hash of nonsense as to call for nothing but ridicule.

ANNIVERSARY BALL.—The anniversary ball of the admission of California into the Union, takes place at Assembly Hall on Tuesday evening next, and from the preparations being made by the gentlemen having it in charge, it promises to be a grand affair. An elegant supper will be provided and a fine band of music in attendance.

BAL MASQUE.—Another of those pleasant and agreeable entertainments will be given this evening at Musical Hall.

Rowe & Co's circus, are announced to perform to-morrow night at Orville.

The Forrest Theatre at Sacramento appears to be doing a paying business lately. Messrs. Phelps, Pope, and Mrs. Woodward, seem to be great favorites with our neighbors, and are deservedly appreciated. Madame Avalos the cantatrice, is engaged at this theatre.

FORREST COMING.—It is said that Forrest the distinguished tragedian is coming to this country sometime during the fall and will play a "round" of his celebrated characters at the Metropolitan. He will visit professionally most of the principal cities and towns of the State, where he will play short engagements, after which he will leave for the Atlantic States, and retire into the shades of private life.

There are fifteen travelling theatrical companies in the interior. How they all manage to live, we are at a loss to imagine.

The George Chapman family played on Thursday and Saturday evenings of last week, at the Waverly theatre, to good houses. An addition, in the person of Miss Julia Hudson has been made to the troupe.

In Germany, that land of lager beer and kindly feelings, the people are beginning to assert their rights in the control of the Drama. They have at present 165 Theatres, among which 19 are so called Court Theatres (Theatres Royaux), 12 City Theatres first class, 28 third second class, 89 third class theatres, and 67 travelling companies, among whom some 20 have a high reputation. The number of actors, singers and dancers amounts to 6,000, and that of choruses, orchestras and other theatrical employees to 8,000.

A "Grand American Entertainment" was given at the Zoological Gardens, Liverpool, on the 4th of July.

Mr. Charles Mathews has been acting to crowded houses in Edinburgh. His performance in "Patience versus Clatter" is highly spoken of. His changes his dress and appearance at least

